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SUBJ: BLACKS TO ATTEND UNGA AS SAG OBSERVERS

1. DURING SEPT 10 PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FONMIN MULLER ANNOUNCED THAT CHIEF MINISTER OF SOON-TO-BE INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI HOMELAND, KAISER MATANZIMA, WOULD ATTEND UNGA AS OBSERVER MEMBER SA DELEGATION. OTHER OBSERVERS NAMED ARE DR. M.B. NAIDOO, ELDERLY INDIAN GEOGRAPHER, AND DAN ULSTER, PRINCIPAL OF COLORED TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL.

2. MULLER ALSO STATED THAT HENCEFORTH BLACKS, COLOREDS AND INDIANS WILL BE TRAINED FOR DIPLOMATIC AND INFORMATION SERVICE ABROAD. GOVERNMENT THEORY IS THAT BLACKS WILL ULTIMATELY REPRESENT INDEPENDENT HOMELANDS. TRAINING FOR COLOREDS AND INDIANS "IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT POLICY TO GIVE THESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALL PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA." GOVERNMENT'S DECISION MET WITH GENERAL APPROVAL OF POLITICAL OPPOSITION, ESPECIALLY UNITED PARTY, WHICH HAS BEEN URGING SIMILAR MOVE FOR SOME YEARS. COLORED LEADERS, SUSPICIOUS OF GOVT INTENTIONS, HAVE BEEN LESS ENTHUSIASTIC, BUT HAVE NOT CRITICIZED MOVE.

3. MATANZIMA IS CHIEF MINISTER OF TRANSKEI HOMELAND, WHICH HE RAPIDLY PUSHING TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE WITH ASSISTANCE OF SAG. HE IS CONSIDERED AN OPPORTUNIST BY OTHER HOMELAND LEADERS, WHO VIEW SAG'S "SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT" POLICY AS A FARCE. NAIDOO (69) IS MEMBER OF SAG-APPOINTED INDIAN COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD. A GEOGRAPHER OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTE HE IS EXTREMELY POLISHED, DIGNIFIED ELDER OF DURBAN'S UPPER CLASS INDIAN COMMUNITY. ULSTER IS PRINCIPAL OF WELL-KNOWN COLORED TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL, ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIAN AND ORGANIZER OF COLORED TEACHERS UNION. LIKE NAIDOO HE IS FAIR REPRESENTATIVE OF MODERATE, APOLITICAL " ESTABLISHMENT," ANXIOUS TO IMPROVE LOT OF OWN PEOPLE BY "GETTING ALONG."

5. COMMENT: MOVE IS NOT MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH ON RACE RELATIONS THAT GOVERNMENT TOUTS IT TO BE. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS SMALL STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION AND SHOULD BE WELCOMED AS SUCH. WHETHER ANY MEANINGFUL CHANGE IN OVER-ALL RACE PICTURE DEVELOPS FROM IT DEPENDS, OF COURSE, ON SUBSEQUENT AND MUCH LARGER STEPS GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE AND WHICH RIGHT NOW SAG APPEARS UNWILLING TO DO. FATE OF THREE OBSERVERS AT UN DIFFICULT TO CONTEMPLATE. MATANZIMA, WHO REPORTEDLY ASKED TO BE NAMED TO DELEGATION, CAN PROBABLY TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF THOUGH IT POSSIBLE HIS APPEARANCE AT UNGA MIGHT FURTHER PREJUDICE INTERNATIONAL OPINION AGAINST CONCEPT AND ACTUALITY OF INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI. THOUGH ULSTER AND NAIDOO HAVE TOLD PRESS THEY DO NOT VIEW THEMSELVES AS "STOOGES" OF SAG, THEY WILL PROBABLY HAVE DIFFICULT TIME CONVINCING OTHER UN DELEGATES OF THIS CONTENTION.  
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